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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 649
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to designate the City of Winchester's Annual High-on-the-Hog Bar-B-Que Cookoff as the official State of Tennessee Barbecue Championship Competition.

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester's exemplary High-on-the-Hog Bar-B-Que Cookoff has been previously and officially designated by House Joint Resolution No. 468 of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly as a State Championship Barbecue Cookoff, which enables winners only of this cookoff to participate in other championship and sanctioned cookoffs; and

WHEREAS, it is a common and standard practice for states throughout the nation to recognize cities or towns within their constituency for an activity noted beyond that state and made notable by the continued practice and interest of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winchester, home of Tim's Ford Lake, is very much at the forefront of Tennessee's neighboring states because of the ten-year success of the forthcoming eleventh annual High-on-the-Hog Bar-B-Que Cookoff, to be held at the Winchester City Park on Tim's Ford Lake; and

WHEREAS, this Body recognizes that out-of-state cooking teams, as well as local teams, continue to participate in the cookoff on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester High-on-the-Hog Annual Bar-B-Que Cookoff is the first and only official state championship for numerous cooks and visitors, both within and outside the state of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, the participants in this event do accept and promote the status of their success in the first official state Bar-B-Que Cookoff, held in Winchester, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly appreciates the many visitors to this community generated by this particular activity, and wishes to offer an added incentive to more teams by providing them with the protection of their earned status and a continuing opportunity to participate in a state championship competition, thus making them eligible to demonstrate their skill in other championship cookoffs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this General Assembly designates the City of Winchester's Annual High-on-the-Hog Bar-B-Que Cookoff as the official State of Tennessee Barbecue Championship for 1998-2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.